Safety zone

2889. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to strengthen security of India's offshore oil and gas installations and prevent sabotage and terrorist attacks on them, Government is planning to extend 'safety zone' around the installations to five nautical miles from the existing 500 metres;

(b) whether a draft proposal of Home Ministry on India's security incorporates this proposal for declaring larger area around offshore installations a 'no vessel zone'; and

(c) if so, whether Cabinet has approved the proposal and by what time it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) The need to extend the safety zone around petroleum installations beyond 500 metres is under discussion with the concerned authorities (Coast Guard, Navy, OISD, ODAG etc.)

(b) No, Madam. There is no such proposal initiated by Ministry of Home Affairs.

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh

2890. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are preparing to provide ten lakh gas connections to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) what efforts his Ministry is making to supply LPG cylinders within 24 hours of booking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) do not make any allocation for release of new LPG connections, however the entire demand for new connections is being met by existing LPG agencies with connections being released within a period of 60 days of booking, after due verification.

However, OMCs have released 5.16 lakh new LPG connections during the period April-September 2009, against the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of 10 lakh new LPG connections during the year 2009-10, which is more than the prorata releases.

(c) OMCs have reported that they have instructed their LPG distributors to effect LPG refill supplies to genuine customers within forty eight hours from the date of booking, under normal circumstances. However, delay in refill supplies may occur in the event of backlog due to non-availability of filled LPG cylinders with the distributors for unavoidable reasons such as road breaches, floods, strikes, bandhs etc. Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog, if any, in the State by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours.

Increase in oil production

*2891. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new scheme has been launched by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) by investing Rs. 14,000 crore resulting in increase in the oil production;

(b) if so, the details thereof and name of the oil fields where this scheme is being implemented;

(c) the steps being taken to increase the oil production rate after implementation of this scheme and annual average rate of increase in production; and

(d) the average annual financial profit due to growth in production after implementation of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (d) Two new redevelopment schemes for Mumbai High Fields namely Mumbai High South Redevelopment Phase-II and Mumbai High North Redevelopment Phase-II have been approved. The details are given below:

Name	Approved cost	Incremental oil and gas Gain (up to 2029-30)
MHS Redevelopment Ph-II	Rs. 8813.41 crore	Oil-18.31 MMT
		Gas-2.70 BCM
MHN Redevelopment Ph-II	Rs. 7133.39 crore	Oil-17.35 MMT
		Gas-2.98 BCM

The annual financial profit will depend upon the price of crude oil and natural gas, and dollar exchange rate prevailing at the time.

Petroleum production in Barmer

*2892. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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